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REMARKS

Claims 22, 35, 51 and 54 are amended, no claims are canceled, and claims 80-91 are added; as a result, claims 22-91 are now pending in this application.

No new matter is believed proposed in the new claims. Support for new claims 80-91 is found in the specification as filed. For example, see FIG. 1 as filed and specification page 9.

<u>Interview Summary</u>

Applicant thanks Examiner Fetsum Abraham for the courtesy of telephone interviews on 7, 8 and 20 September 2005 with Applicant's representative Timothy B. Clise. The independent claims were discussed. Clarifying amendments to claims 22, 35, 51 and 54 were agreed to as set forth above.

Claim 41, which was previously indicated as allowed, was also discussed. Specifically, it was agreed that the recitation of "a seed film disposed against the storage cell stud, wherein the seed film is disposed in a contact corridor in the first dielectric stack; and a protective film remnant disposed on an upper surface of the first dielectric stack, wherein the protective film remnant is disposed between the first dielectric stack and a portion of the seed film" was not found in the art of record.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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